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Drop in NSW field will make every game battle royal

The NSW Federation Council's decision to relegate three first division teams this year has sent at least half of the Sydney clubs scurrying for their cheque books in a desperate bid to reinforce themselves.

There is not much time left as local Sydney transfers close on April 31 and not at the end of June, as in previous years.

Interstate players, however, can still be had until July 31 and overseas acquisitions at any time.

Last week's Council meeting was one of the most dramatic ever held in Sydney, with great bearing on the future of the sport.

The management committee withdrew its motion to temporarily suspend promotion from second division to first division.

The management committee then asked the delegates to vote for their new proposal of "three down and one up".

In a dramatic show of hands the first count produced a 23-11 majority for the proposal-one short of the two-thirds majority necessary to implement the constitutional change which stipulates that only one first division team can be relegated each year.

Federation president-chairman Ben Nathan asked for a recount and in hushed silence the second count produced the necessary 24 votes, second division Thistle changing their vote to push the motion through by a bare minimum.

Only clubs to vote against the resolution were first division Bankstown, Canterbury, Corinthians and South Coast and second division Polonia-NS and Wollongong Olympic.

Points vital

With three clubs earmarked for relegation in August, Sydney fans will see the greatest, most exciting competition of all time.

Every point will count from the very first week of the competition and every match will be fought like a final.

Even the stronger clubs cannot afford the slightest slip this year.

The struggle at the foot of the table will be far more tense, bitter and spine-tingling than the battle for the semifinals.

Had the Council rejected the Federation's new motion, the Federation would have been empowered to force "shot-gun weddings," as amalgamations would have been the only avenue open to implement a 10-team competition in 1965.

Sydney must have a 10-team competition in 1965 because this was decided by the clubs at last November's annual general meeting.

It is, however, rumored that if two district clubs are relegated—and on paper form at this stage, this seems likely—they will amalgamate with "national" clubs.

The new relegation set-up has pleased most first division clubs who welcome a shorter season.

The top clubs feel that a shorter season will enable them to tour overseas as early as September without interfering with local competitions.

As for the clubs that voted against the three-team relegation, their feelings after the crucial vote were best summed-up by Canterbury secretary Lionel Brown:

"This is a great blow. We're really in trouble now and must immediately reinforce ourselves to survive."

Two heads are better than one

Doug Wright (Pan Hellenic) and Eduardo Massey (Croatia) fight out this aerial battle during their match last Sunday. Croatia won 4-2. Match details on page 4.

Scots on the move in Victorian clubs

— From Bob Low in Melbourne —

Fred Falzon's departure to Prague was not only a blow to George Cross but also to Victoria's State squad.

However, for Victoria at least, Alexander Soccer Club could provide a bright replacement in George Glennie, brother of Alec, who arrived recently in Melbourne.

George, 23, played for Lesmahagow Juniors in Scotland and is about the same build as Falzon.

He has already shown in practice games that he has the same tenacity, skill and positional sense as the Maltese player.

The younger Glennie was much sought after when he had arrived a few weeks ago and despite offers of trials with Hakoah and Wilhelmina, he linked up with the newly promoted Greek club.

Take my tip and watch this player closely.

You'll hear a lot more about him shortly.

While on the subject of Scots, second division club Stranraer have refused to clear their inside forward, Johnny Hanlon to enable him to come to Australia and join a Melbourne club.

Hanlon, 25, has been a first team regular for two years since joining them from non-league club, Tarff Rovers.

The Melbourne club has not been named but Alan Elliott the Melbourne-Hungaria centre half and captain was formerly with Stranraer before arriving to Australia last year — so draw your own conclusions.

Two other Scots, ex-George Cross players left half Bill Binnie and winger or inside forward, Harry Montague have now been officially transferred to another Maltese combination, Melita Eagles in Sydney.

Binnie is a former Stirling Albion player from Scotland, while Montague, another Scot, had a spell with Prague before transferring to George Cross in 1962 for a small fee.

Hungarians may come

Australian fans may see the Hungarian Olympic team in October.

Budapest-Sydney wants to invite the Hungarians if they qualify for the final rounds of the Tokyo Olympics.

Hungary, who have one of the world's finest amateur teams, need only beat the Spanish amateurs to compete at Tokyo.

The Australian and NSW Federations are most likely to give Budapest the green light as the proposed tour would take place at the end of the season, not interfering with any local competition.

Change likely in system of Wills-Australia Cup this year

An Australian Federation sub-committee met in Melbourne last weekend to revise the Wills Australia Cup.

The committee consisting of Walter Sternberg (NSW), Michael Weinstein (Vic), Ian Brusasco (Qld), and Cliff Connolly (SA) made no public announcement after their two-day deliberations.

SOCCER WORLD however, has it from a reliable source that the Australia Cup will have a "new look".

We believe that the committee decided to recommend to the national executive that the last eight teams left in the Australia Cup play-off the following year for the title.

This would allow the major rounds to be staged in the middle of the winter when interest is at a peak in all States.

The "home and away" system will be used for the semifinals and final, not before the semis though because of costs involved.

The Australia Cup draw will also be entirely seeded and not like last year where the lop-sided draw allowed weaker clubs to qualify for big prize money at the expense of better teams who were forced to meet early.

The Australia Cup sub-committee was not able to make any official statement as to their decisions because they must refer them first to the Australian Federation executive for approval.

It appears certain, however, that the information leaked out to SOCCER WORLD will prove almost entirely correct, going a long way towards establishing the Australia Cup as the major and most coveted trophy in Australian football.

—Lincoln Walters

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EDITORIAL

New era may be nearer

The NSW Council's decision to introduce the 10-team competition in 1965 may have much further reaching consequences than at present anticipated.

If two or three so-called district clubs will find themselves relegated at the end of the season, they can be expected to put out feelers for amalgamation with others.

Such moves, in turn could achieve exactly the opposite of what the failure of these district clubs would normally mean: the gradual reduction of foreign name teams.

Whether this is desirable or not is hotly debated in all circles.

The 10-team competition may also be the first vital step towards the introduction of the almost inevitable professionalism.

As overseas examples have proved beyond any doubt, amateur, semi-professional or part-time professional soccer can never really compete with a professional set-up.

So, in a way, the drop to 10 teams should be regarded as the first weeding out process, eliminating the clubs not strong enough for the "big leap forward".

While it will be a sad day when some of the present day club names exist no longer, tragedy can be averted if the thousands of juniors in their districts are saved for soccer.

Indeed, these youngsters may receive a much better break in the future under some professional system than they are doing today.

If this eventuates as one of the by-products of the Council's move it can be said that the decision was a wise one, even if for the time being some clubs do suffer in the process.

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AROUND THE GLOBE

New dope scandal may rob Bologna of title

One of those perennial dope scandals, seemingly necessary byproducts of Italian soccer, has cropped up again rocking millions of calcio-loving fans.

The culprits this time are none less than league leaders FC Bologna, well on their way to the first league championship since 1941 when such greats as Andreolo, Biavati, Puricelli and Sansone helped them to a four-point win in the Campionato Italiano.

The charge against Bologna is extremely serious: five of their players, Fogli, Pavinato, Tumburus, Perani and Pascutti were found to have used drugs in the match against FC Torino (4-1) on February 2.

Doctors of the Italian Association made the test on the players straight after the match and their findings were positive.

However, all players and their famous coach, Dr. Bernardini deny the charge claiming that all they used were harmless stimulants.

Micocren, Destrosio, Megaton, Surrenovis, Eparcerebro and Adenaplex are well known stimulants used by Italian sportsmen but none of these is regarded as a harmful drug.

If the Italian Federation decides that the Bologna players were guilty of malpractice, it can mete out any of these three punishments:

● Bologna can be delared the loser of the Torino match with a 2-0 score — plus they can be penalised by up to 10 more point deductions.

● The five players may be suspended for a minimum period of four weeks.

● The club coach, masseur and physician may lose their licences as they are held responsible for any doping of players.

HUNGARY

Lajos Baroti, manager of Hungary is expected to rebuild his team this year

Disappointed with the established stars, Baroti is likely to start off by introducing two brilliant young inside forwards, Dunai and Komora instead of Gorocs and Tichy.

Other youngsters in line for international honors are wingers Nagy and Katona, wing halves Palotai and Nogradi, and goalie Gelei.

Although still young, Baroti may weed out Solymosi, Gorocs, Tichy and possibly even Albert.

BELGIUM

Belgium's "part-time professionals" are now making plenty of money but further rises are likely.

Anderlecht, Brussel's glamor team, has decided to pay the players a monthly minimum of about £170 plus the usual bonuses.

"There is no really top class football without due encouragement and incentives," said Anderlecht's secretary Eugene Steppe coolly and the players nodded their agreement.

HOLLAND

A current poll in Holland will determine the country's most popular soccer player.

Main contenders for the title are Bennaars, Giesen, Groot, Haak, Kruiver, Moulijn, Graafland and Van Wissen.

SPAIN

Since 1955 Real Madrid have played 57 matches for the European Cup, the highest number of all contestants.

The team has scored 167 goals, an average of 2.93 per match with Di Stefano accounting for 47 goals on his own — a whacking 28 per cent of the total.

Ferenc Puskas, who joined the team only in 1958, is second with 27 goals ahead of Gento's 15 and Rial's 14.

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March 30, Easter Sunday may well decide the Spanish championship.

It will be then that Barcelona and Real Madrid clash in the Nuovo Campo stadium of Barcelona.

At present the two clubs run a separate race for the title and the winner on March 30 will have taken a giant step towards its goal.

YUGOSLAVIA

Jacques Crahay, the UEFA delegate at the Partizan v. Inter European Cup match in Belgrade was most impressed with the match — for an unusual reason.

He said it was the most peaceful cup tie he had ever seen in the nine-year old series.

This, despite the fact that the home team, Partizan, lost the match 0-2.

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A soldier hobbling on crutches was an interested spectator at the Partizan-Inter European Cup tie.

He was Dragi Sekularac, the Partizan star who recently suffered a fractured ligament and is out of action for some two months.

Sekularac is just finishing his military service and then will try, once again, to obtain permission to join a rich Italian club.

PORTUGAL

Jose Aguas, the player who was almost chased out of Vienna as a cheat, is now making the bosses of FK Austria eat their words.

Having rejoined Benfica, Aguas is back to his best form and on the recent South American trip of his club scored some magnificent goals.

The question is now being asked around Vienna's Prater whether it was Aguas who failed FK Austria or FK Austria that failed Aguas during their brief 1963 romance.

ARGENTINA

Didi spent a few days in Buenos Aires, negotiating the transfer of Peru's Eduardo ("Sugar") Lopez.

Then he dropped in to Rio for a chat with association officials.

The outcome may well be that Didi will be offered the job of coach for the 1966 World Cup.

SWITZERLAND

Two officials of Young Boys Berne spent a few days in Vienna with Bela Guttmann.

Their mission: to find out how much the famed Hungarian coach would expect to take charge of the ailing Swiss club.

Guttmann is at present with FK Austria — entirely in an honorary capacity, to kill time, so to say.

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FC Basel, fresh from their four-week world tour, were thrashed in their first match of the second round of the Swiss competition.

Basel were beaten 0-5 by FC Zurich, the team they replaced on the world tour.

While on the subject of FC Basel, French club Reims are very interested in signing centre forward Frigerio who was a guest player with Basel on their tour.

Frigerio scored one goal against Prague and one against Victoria.

W. GERMANY

One of the biggest sensations of the German championship was last week's shattering 2-9 defeat of SV Hamburg against Munchen '1860'.

For most of the match Hamburg played with 10 men as left half Piechowiak left the field injured.

The same day FC Koln scored a 2-0 away win against Preussen Munster to maintain their six-point lead over Meiderich at the top of the table.

MEXICO

Mexico City's new Olympic stadium, now being built for what the amigos fondly hope to be THEIR 1970 World Cup, will have many breathtaking new features.

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OLYMPIC QUALIFYING ROUNDS: Morocco v. Nigeria 4-1 (Casablanca); Tunisia v. Dahomey 1-1 (Tunis).

BELGIUM (25th round): Lierse v. Antwerpse 1-1; Beerschot v. Malines 0-0; Standard Liege v. La Gantoise 1-0; Beringen v CS Bruges 1-1; Saint Trond v. Anderlecht 0-1; Berchem v. FC Liege 2-0; FC Bruges v. Diest 1-1; Daring v. Turnhout 1-2. — Comp. leaders: Anderlecht 41, Standard Liege, Beringen 33, Beerschot 32, Diest 30, Antwerpse 29, FC Liege 28.

BULGARIA (16th round): Lokomotiva Gorna v. Spartak Plevene 2-1; CDNA v. Cernomore 2-0; Spartak Sofia v. Marek 0-0; Botev v. Levski 1-0; Lokomotiva Sofia v. Slavia 1-1; Spartak Varna v. Zaimov 1-2. — Comp. leaders: Levski, Lokomotiva Sofia, Slavia, Dounav 20, Spartak Plevene 19, CDNA 18, Spartak Plovdiv 17.

EAST GERMANY (19th round): SK Leipzig v. Turbine 4-2; Dynamo v. Rostock 1-1; Jena v. Leipzig 3-1; Lokomotiv v. Motor 2-0; Motor Zwickau v. Wismuth 2-0; Chemie Halle v .Vorwaerts Berlin 2-0. — Comp. leaders: Leipzig 24, Rostock, SK Leipzig 22, Vorwaerts Berlin 21, Motor 20, Jena, Magdeburg 19.

WEST GERMANY (22nd round): Eintracht Frankfurt v. Bremen 3 2; Munich 1860 v. Hamburger SV 9-2; Munster v. FC Koln 0-2; Saarbrucken v. Meiderich 0-2; Eintracht Braunschweig v. Stuttgart 3-2; Schalke 04 v. Nurnberg 4-1; Karlsruhe v. Kaiserslautern 5-1; Herta Berlin v. Borussia Dortmund 0-0. — Comp. leaders: FC Koln 34, Meiderich 28, Stuttgart, Borussia Dortmund, Schalke 04 26, Eintracht Frankfurt 25, Hamburger SV 24.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA (14th round): Spartak Prague v. CKD Prague 1-0; Dukla Prague v. Motorlet 1-1; Spartak Hradec v. Slovan Bratislava 2-0; Trinec v. Presov 2-0; Kosice v. Spartak Brno 2-0. — Comp. leaders: Dukla Prague 21; Slovan Bratislava 18, Banik Ostrava, Kosice 17, Spartak Prague 16, Slovnaft 15.

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Schlosser Cup ties could provide fine soccer feed

The special invitation Schlosser Cup, in memory of Hungary's all-time great Imre Schlosser, will be played this week.

The first two ties will be decided at the Showground on Friday, starting at 8 p.m.

M'bourne v. Juventus

This will be a test for Mike de Bruyckere's hard-trained side and no doubt the Hungarian supporters will watch with a critical eye to see what improvements their new coach has effected.

The Juventus side have already paid the penalty for robustness and overeagerness as their Ampol Cup exit demonstrated.

They aren't likely to repeat this mistake and may bring more method into their play.

They are likely to rely on Hartley, Scott and Donlevy in defence to be the purveyors.

Their off-color attack is due to click and this they must hope for.

But the calmer and sharper Melbourne should w i n through.

JUST v. Alexander

Can the tear-away promoted Alexander upset and triumph over league premiers JUST?

On paper they don't appear to have much hope but in a recent practice game they gave Hakoah a nasty jolt—scoring twice without reply.

Hakoah aren't JUST, of course, but reputations mean nothing to Alexander.

They are strongest down the left where Glennie at full back and McLaughlin at left half have struck a complete understanding and any danger is likely to come from moves initiated by these two.

JUST with ability, blend and purpose play as a team and with names like Rice, Micic, Marinovic and Stankovic they should take control and earn both points.

Second Day:

March 21 (Saturday night) at South Melbourne C.G. Kick-off at 8 p.m.

JUST v. MELBOURNE
JUVENTUS v. ALEXANDER

JUST v. Melbourne

This could be the best game of the series with the emphasis on good soccer all through.

By BOB LOW

JUST will have to pull every trick out of the bag to emphasise their superiority over a Melbourne side which gave them a shock league defeat last season.

And Melbourne are much improved.

This game could well be the decider and if last week's friendly between them is any indication, (a 2-2 draw) it could again be a very close affair.

Juventus v. Alex'der

This should be a rip-snorting game from start to finish with caution thrown overboard.

The stronger Juventus will face an Alexander side which undoubtedly has the edge on speed.

When the stronger meets the weaker and the slower meets the faster anything can happen and this may be a high scoring match.

DULL AMPOL FINAL GOES TO UNINSPIRING POLONIA

A suspect first goal by Jankowski after 30 minutes, a mistake by Tony Vella near the end — and Polonia grabbed an uninspiring win over Lions in the Ampol Cup final at South Melbourne last Saturday night.

Polonia v. Lions 2-0

When the trams trouped out it was disappointing for the crowd of 6,000 to see that Polonia's star winger Kowalec was missing from their line-up through an ankle injury.

The opening stages were quiet although it was obvious that Polonia were unsettled by the Lions' first-time tackling.

Left winger Szygalsky had the first clear chance at goal but his strong angular shot went miles wide.

Lions suffered an early blow when quicksilver Watson at centre retired after a few minutes with a recurrence of a leg injury he had received in a kick around before the game.

Newcomer Bevis came on as a replacement.

Nicol indicated Lions' first goalwards move when he cleverly evaded Dudon and Wrzos, crossed to Beinroth but the big inside—man shot over from good position.

Goalkeeper Voigt caused shudders in the Lions goalmouth when he dropped a Katolik corner and referee Bartolo appeared harsh on Polonia when he awarded a free kick against Jurecki after a tussle with Marth.

It was surprising to see Polonia so subdued and they seemed to lack penetration.

They sprang into action with a great Dudon-Zientara-Katolik move which culminated with Jurecki shooting over.

It was monotonous up and down the field stuff with neither side asserting a superiority.

After 30 minutes Polonia went ahead.

Jankowski got a through ball and from a suspiciously offside position he first timed a shot—hit the post and scored from the rebound.

The second half was almost a repetition of the first although Polonia did have much more method in their approach play than their opponents.

Polonia were, however, lucky on two occasions when Putkowski badly fumbled easy shots and he was lucky no Lions forwards were up to follow through.

With about 15 minutes to go Polonia clinched the game and the Cup.

A high ball from the left bobbed across the Lions goal and young Mroczkowski who had replaced Katolik at half time took advantage of a slip by Tony Vella to head home.

Lions' disorganised attack was easy meat for a not-so-sure Polonia defence in the closing stages.

How they lined up:

Polonia: Putkowski, Gasior, Wrzos, Janczyk, Gross, Dudon, Katolik (Mroczkowski) Jankowski, Jurecki, Zientara, Sylgalski.

Polonia were only a shadow of the side which beat George Cross and sorely missed Kowalec.

They deserved their win but were far from convincing and only Wrzos, Dudon and Zientara passed muster.

Lions: Voigt; J. Marth, McLachlan; Kleinhert, Schwartz, T. Vella; Nicol, Eshker, Watson (Bevis), Beinroth, Harris,

Lions played too much of a defensive game to succeed and Watson's enforced retiral was a big blow to their Cup hopes.

McLachlan, Schwartz and Kleinhert were the pick of their side.

Referee: J. Bartolo.

NORTH OF THE YARRA v. SOUTH OF THE YARRA 5-4 (Under-19)

This was a fast exciting curtain-raiser to the Cup final in which the best young players in Melbourne were on view.

The crowd was thrilled by the display of these boys which augurs well for the future of the game in Victoria.

Seventeen of the players on view are attached to State League clubs.

—Bob Low

SPOTLIGHT on MELBOURNE

The Ampol Cup presentation took place in the South Melbourne Cricket Club boardroom after the Polonia v. Lions game when Mr Hall of Ampol presented the cheques to Polonia and Lions.

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George Cross and Juventus received semi-finalists' cheques.

John Barclay, deputy chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation introduced Mr Hall in the absence of Federation chairman Theo Marmaras, who was in New Zealand.

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Australia's m a n a g e r-coach, Jim Kelly and Jim Bayutti were at the Polonia v. Lions final.

Kelly was disappointed that Polonia's clever winger was absent through injury.

★

Remember Charlie Fekete who played with Melbourne two years ago?

Fekete was back in Austria playing with second division, FAC, but has now returned here.

Althoguh still a Melbourne player, he is likely to move to Hakoah.

Fekete caused a sensation nearly three years ago at Schintler Reserve, Footscray when he refused to accept marching orders and caused a game to be abandoned.

★

Former Queens l a n d player, Tom Bewick has created a deep impression with some fine displays in Hakoah's pre-season practice games.

T h e blonde English wing-half who played with South Shields in the North of England before arriving in Australia, has already proved himself a fighter and a worker—the type of player Hakoah are in dire need of.

★

Left winger, Owen Terry of George Cross may soon sign a double registration and keep within the soccer rule book.

Terry is strongly tipped to transfer to Makedonia and this transfer is likely to be effective before he joins the married ranks next month.

★

Melbourne with a left wing problem recently tried out transfer listed Biro of Juventus against JUST in a practice game.

After the game, the problem still existed and so it appears that Melbourne will have to look elsewhere for a solution.

★

Despite having been out of the first team all last season, former Juventus full back Remo Guardiani could yet make a come back for his present club, Polonia.

Chinks in defence have worried the classy Polonia for some time and until they get a couple of first class replacements, the big Italian full back may get another go.

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Victorian juniors reach for the sky

The news that Victorian Juniors have put forward a proposal costing £9000 to organise and set-up on a big scale may be astonishing but at least ambitious.

And if that sort of cash was available I am quite sure it would be freely given provided any plans for the disbursement were sensible and well laid.

An additional request has been made for £1500 to pay the salary of a capable and qualified person to develop the game in schools where soccer is already played and introduce it to those which have so far closed the door to soccer.

I believe the need for such an organiser is appreciated by the Victorian Soccer Federation and such an appointment may be made soon.

The juniors and schools desperately need money.

But appeals and applications for assistance must be reasonable and most certainly within the purse-strings of the Federation.

The clubs themselves, or at least most of the clubs, are doing a great job—affiliating, financing and encouraging almost every age group and therefore relieving the Federation in a big way.

The schools too, at least the ones which permit soccer, are beginning to help themselves although none deny that cash, or the lack of ready funds is still the number one problem.

The influx and influence of many of our soccer players and coaches who have taken P.T. appointments in Melbourne schools in recent years is in itself playing a big part in the progress of our youngsters.

Ron Sawecki (Hakoah), Mike De Bruyckere (Melbourne), Max Geraerts (Juventus) and Bob Jorgensen (ex George Cross) are four soccer coaches with school appointments who are making their presence felt.

Players who hold school positions are: Van Altena (Wilhelmina), Margaritis (S.M. Hellas), Carroll (Croatia), Davies (Melbourne), Bosklopper (Wilhelmina), David (Lions), N o r r i s (Wilhelmina), Black (George Cross), Anderson (S.M. Hellas) and many more.

—BOB LOW

KENNELLY CUP TIES

Some 3,000 people saw two Kennelly Cup matches at Middle Park last Sunday.

Polonia v. Hakoah 3-3

Polonia, without four of their regulars, were well held by a Hakoah side which looks more balanced than last year.

Goalscorers— Polonia: Gross, Jurecki and Cierpiz. **Hakoah:** V i l l e r s, Steele (2).

G. Cross v. SM Hellas 0-2

Hellas, a much better balanced side, deserved their half time lead of 2-0.

In the second half George Cross were much better and with a little luck at all might have drawn level.

Gooalscorers— S o u t h Melbourne Hellas: Kosmopoulos and Adam.

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COMPETITION TABLES

FIRST DIVISION
First Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	1	—	—	3	0	2
Croatia	1	—	—	4	2	2
APIA	1	—	—	2	1	2
Yugal	1	—	—	3	2	2
Prague	1	—	—	4	3	2
Corinthians	—	1	—	1	1	1
S. Coast U.	—	1	—	1	1	1
Budapest	—	—	1	3	4	—
Cumberland	—	—	1	2	3	—
Hakoah	—	—	1	1	2	—
Pan Hellenic	—	—	1	2	4	—
Canterbury	—	—	1	0	3	—

SECOND DIVISION
First Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville-AEK	1	—	—	5	0	2
Marconi	1	—	—	2	0	2
Concordia	1	—	—	3	2	2
Polonia-NS	1	—	—	4	3	2
Melita Eagles	—	1	—	3	3	1
Syd. Austral	—	1	—	3	3	1
Blacktown-BSK	—	1	—	2	2	1
Sutherland	—	1	—	2	2	1
Thistle	—	—	1	2	3	—
W. Olympic	—	—	1	3	4	—
Manly	—	—	1	0	2	—
Western Utd.	—	—	1	0	5	—

FIRST DIVISION
Second Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Canterbury	1	—	—	1	0	2
Croatia	1	—	—	3	1	2
Cumberland	1	—	—	3	1	2
S. Coast U.	1	—	—	4	2	2
Prague	1	—	—	5	3	2
APIA	—	1	—	2	2	1
Hakoah	—	1	—	2	2	1
Budapest	—	—	1	3	5	—
Corinthians	—	—	1	2	4	—
Pan Hellenic	—	—	1	1	3	—
Yugal	—	—	1	1	3	—
Bankstown	—	—	1	0	1	—

FIRST DIVISION
Third Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	1	—	—	2	0	2
Prague	1	—	—	2	0	2
Yugal	1	—	—	3	2	2
APIA	—	1	—	3	3	1
Corinthians	—	1	—	3	3	1
Hakoah	—	1	—	3	3	1
S. Coast U.	—	1	—	3	3	1
Croatia	—	1	—	1	1	1
Pan Hellenic	—	1	—	1	1	1
Cumberland	—	—	1	2	3	—
Budapest	—	—	1	0	2	—
Canterbury	—	—	1	0	2	—

SECOND DIVISION
Second Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville-AEK	1	—	—	6	0	2
Concordia	1	—	—	4	0	2
Sutherland	1	—	—	2	0	2
W. Olympic	1	—	—	4	1	2
Manly	1	—	—	4	2	2
Melita Eagles	—	1	—	2	2	1
Syd. Austral	—	1	—	2	2	1
Marconi	—	—	1	2	4	—
Polonia-NS	—	—	1	1	4	—
Blacktown-BSK	—	—	1	0	2	—
Thistle	—	—	1	0	4	—
Western Utd.	—	—	1	0	6	—

Last week's results

FIRST DIVISION
(Second and Third Grade)

Canterbury v. B'town	1-2	0-2
APIA v. Hakoah	2-2	3-3
Pan Hellenic v. Croatia	1-3	1-1
SCU v. Corinthians	4-2	3-3
Cumberland v. Yugal	3-1	2-3
Prague v. Budapest	5-3	2-0

SECOND DIVISION
(First and Second Grades)

M. Eagles v. Syd. Austral	3-3	2-2
W. United v. G'ville-AEK	0-5	0-6
Thistle v. Concordia	2-3	0-4
Polonia-NS v. W. Olymp.	4-3	1-4
Marconi v. Manly	2-0	2-4
Sutherland v. Blacktown	2-2	2-0

LEADING SCORERS

B. Tristram (Prague)	2
J. Alagich (Yugal)	1
J. Fernie (Pan Hellenic)	1
R. Frazer (Croatia)	1
J. Galambos (Budapest)	1
R. Hall (Cumberland)	1
R. Hewitt (Bankstown)	1
R. Hoare (Croatia)	1
P. Hrncir (Prague)	1
W. Hume (Bankstown)	1
M. Krgin (Budapest)	1
H. Ninaus (Hakoah)	1
A. Nincevic (Yugal)	1
D. Palmer (Yugal)	1
S. Patrinos (Pan Hellenic)	1
M. Rinos (Croatia)	1
L. Schauman (Croatia)	1
L. Scheinflug (Prague)	1
N. Stiffle (Bankstown)	1
W. Sinclair (APIA)	1
J. Warren (Budapest)	1
J. Watkiss (APIA)	1

RECORD OPENING CROWDS

Despite overcast, rainy weather last weekend a record total attendance of 18,300 spectators watched the six first division matches.

The previous record was 17,200 spectators set in 1961.

Since that year the opening round of the competition has always been marred by unsettled weather.

Last year only four matches were played in the first round, attracting 10.000 spectators.

14,800 people went to the four Sunday matches in Sydney last weekend, 2,400 on the South Coast and a mere 1,100 attended the only Saturday fixture between Canterbury and Bankstown at Arlington Oval.

SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

CANTERBURY 0 (0)
BANKSTOWN 3 (1)

R. Hewitt 7 min, W. Hume 56 min, N. Stiffle 83 min.

S. COAST UTD. 1 (1)
CORINTHIANS 1 (1)

V. Ireland 35 min.

APIA 2 (0)
HAKOAH 1 (1)

J. Watkiss 52 min, W. Sinclair 58 min penalty.

PRAGUE 4 (2)
BUDAPEST 3 (1)

P. Hrncir 6 min, L. Scheinflug 15 min, B. Tristram 57 and 78 min. M. Krgin 41 min. J. Warren 86 min. J. Galambos 90 min.

CUMBERLAND 2 (1)
YUGAL 3 (1)

R. Hall 40 min, F. Dunaj 55 min own goal. J. Alagich 30 min, D. Palmer 74 min, A. Nincevic 86 min.

PAN HELLENIC 2 (1)
CROATIA 4 (3)

J. Fernie 1 min, W. McIntyre 88 min penalty. R. Frazer 17 min, R. Hoare 24 min, E. Massey 34 min, L. Schauman 50 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

R. Corry 4; B. Lincoln 3, P. Munster 3; E. McLeod 3, T. North 3, D. Brown 4; W. Hardy 3, F. Morado (injured), D. Zivkovic 3, B. Wilcox 2, D. Yaager 2.

TOTAL: 30 **Coach: D. Adrigan.**

W. Rorke 4; S. Devlin 3, E. West 4; R. Cowling 3, R. Madden 4, C. Perkins 4; N. Stiffle 3, *R. Hewitt* 5, W. Hume 3, J. Turner 3, R. Marklew 2.

TOTAL: 38 **Coach: R. Neal.**

M. Trisic 3; A Ringland 4, M. Conlon 2; J. Kelly 4, J. Harris 4, M. Tolston 4; B. Salisbury 3, J. Brownlie 2, *J. Doherty* 5, G. Barnett 3, M. Johnson 3.

TOTAL: 37 **Coach: J. Kelly**

J. Bathurst 5; D. Lapwood 3, J. Herning 3; B. Williams 4, R. Robinson 3, P. Dewhurst 3; *D. Todd* 5, L. Bennett 3, V. Ireland 3, P. Irving 3, S. Hart 3.

TOTAL: 38 **Coach: H. Brophy.**

A. Iglesias 4; R. Murua 4, F. Bottalico 2; *P. Hughes* 5, J. Marston 4, K. Jaros 4; R. Chapman 2, W. Sinclair 3, J. Watkiss 4, *J. Wong* 5, E. Cumming 2.

TOTAL: 39 **Coach: G. Polgar.**

G. McGuire 5; R. Kearns 3, B. McGuire 3; M. Woods 4, C. Thomson 3, R. McKnight 3; R. Fekete 3, A. Saghi 3, L. Baumgartner 4, H. Ninaus 2, M. Bell 3.

TOTAL: 36 **Coach: M. Woods.**

R. Lord 3; F. Falzon 4, J. Bond 3; S. Sherwin 4, J. Pettigrew 3, P. Hrncir 4; R. Blitz 3, N. Badaracco 3, B. Tristram 4, L. Scheinflug 4, G. Sleight 3.

TOTAL: 38 **Coach: W. Tamandl**

N. Sokoloff 3; H. Stegbauer 3, P. Banicevic 3; H, Rodriguez 4, J. Pompor 4, M. Schaefer 4; M. Krgin 3, J. Warren 3, A. Stokes 2, J. Galambos 2, V. Fernandez. 2.

TOTAL: 33 **Coach: N. Szegedi**

B. Stevens 4; W. Addison 2, P. Keen 3; G. Arnott 3, R. Folwell 4, G. McPhail 3; S. Turner 4, R. Hall 2, D. Sandell 2, J. Richardson 3, V. Reynolds 3.

TOTAL: 33 **Coach: L. Quested.**

K. Spiegel 3; H. Ringhoff 3, J. Mucillo 3; L. Lazarevic 4, M. Stojanovic 4, F. Dunaj 4; J. Alagich 4, E. Schwarz 4, T. Nincevic 2, D. Palmer 3, J. Medina 2.

TOTAL: 36 **Coach: Jagodic.**

J. Bout 3; N. Yangou 4, C. Omeros 3; D. Wright 3, S. Dacovanos 3, W. McIntyre 3; D. Logan 3, B. Smith 4, J. Fernie 4, J. Eleftheriadis 3, J. Pearson 3.

TOTAL: 36 **Coach: J. Vlasits**

I. Djukic 4; J. Puig 4, J. Gergely 3; R. Pomahac 3, A. Hetherington 4, *N. Bischoff* 5; M. Rinos 3, R. Hoare 3, E. Massey 3, *R. Frazer* 5, L. Schauman 4.

TOTAL: 41 **Coach: E. Massey**

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Bankstown, under the magical wand of former Welsh international Ron Hewitt, outclassed a "horror" Canterbury XI in a one-sided match. Canterbury fielded a team of spare parts and were only saved from bigger defeat by goalie Corry. Newcomer Ron Hewitt was a one-man team, running here, there and everywhere in an impressive display which stamps him as one of the best Britons ever to play soccer in Australia. Canterbury lost forward Morado through injury in the second minute.

Referee Eilert was good.

Crowd: 1,100.

— LOU GAUTIER

Few teams come out of the Woonona den with a point, yet newly promoted Corinthians achieved this entirely on their merits. Corinthians matched the badly out-of-form SCU in every department. The locals certainly attacked more for 90 minutes but, with the notable exception of brilliant Doherty, their forwards were contained by the Sydney defence where Bathurst performed miracles between the sticks. South Coast confirmed their recent slump. Corinthians showed they may have been buried too soon.

Referee S. Pundyk was good.

Crowd: 2,400.

— PETER FLOW

A good pipe-opener to the new season. APIA fully deserved their win, dominating most of the match but again missing many easy scoring chances. They were, however, not alone in this department as Hakoah's Ninaus also missed two golden opportunities to at least salvage a point. There was plenty of good football to satisfy the mainly pro-APIA crowd, which heckled Baumgartner to their hearts' delight, burning in 90 minutes what they once worshipped.

Referee Woolman was excellent.

Crowd: 5,300.

—LOU GAUTIER

To everyone's surprise, this was a fairly sleepy match, almost like a trial clash. Prague's greater fluidity, speed and better passing made them undoubtedly the better team throughout but they are also far from their best. Budapest had several absolute sitters and could have come back into the game much earlier than in the last few minutes, when they actually did. Unless the Budapest forwards devise some sort of simple attacking system, the most they can expect is to score goals through individual efforts or defensive blunders.

Referee Sbisa had a fair game.

Crowd: 2860.

— PAUL DEAN

Yugal always looked the better team. The score flattered Cumberland although they only lost in the last four minutes through a direct Nincevic free kick. Yugal's domination was so great in the second half that they accumulated nine corners in the last 10 minutes and had two goals disallowed. Cumberland lacked cohesion, were never in the race.

Referee K. Lockrey was somewhat inconsistent.

Crowd: 1,900.

—LINCOLN WALTERS

Highly technical Croatia were unlucky not to win by a higher margin, so great was their superiority over dispirted Pan Hellenic. Croatia never looked back after Frazer's magnificent equalizer in the 17th minute. Pan Hellenic could only reduce the leeway with a penalty in the dying stages. The Croatia halves combined gloriously with their forwards, spreading panic in the mediocre Pan Hellenic defence which had no answer to Croatia's skill. Pan Hellenic sadly lacked an experienced stopper.

Referee A. Boskovic controlled a clean game very well.

Crowd: 4,700.

— EINAR PERSEN

TEAM OF THE WEEK

J. BATHURST (Corinthians)

J. PUIG (Croatia) — E. WEST (Bankstown)

P. HUGHES (APIA) — M. STOJANOVIC (Yugal) — N. BISCHOFF (Croatia)

R. HEWITT (Bankstown) — J. WONG (APIA)

D. TODD (Corinthians) — J. DOHERTY (SCU) — L. SCHAUMAN (Croatia)

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EARLY LEADERS COULD FALL BACK IN BUNCH

As the first competition round indicated, upsets and very sudden form reversals may be the order of the day almost every week, making accurate forecasting a sort of poor man's lottery.

BY PAUL DEAN

Who wonders just how good APIA could be if they had two top wingers?

Who would have thought that South Coast will drop a point at home to newcomers Corinthians or that reportedly out-of-form Croatia will slaughter Pan Hellenic?

This second round may also bring its own surprises, maybe even greater ones than last week.

One redeeming feature of the round is, though, that at least two matches are played on Saturday, leaving only four instead of five for Sunday.

Hakoah v. C'bury

HANDS DOWN

If Hakoah were engaged in a horse race instead of soccer match, one would use the cliche of 'this will suit better'.

Against a forcibly rejuvenated Canterbury, Hakoah should carry too many guns.

Mind you, Hakoah also have their problems both in defence and in attack, none of which are likely to be solved in a hurry.

But against THIS Canterbury they should win hands down and with something to spare.

Even a draw would be a tremendous surprise and Hakoah are likely to avoid causing such a shock.

Our tip: Hakoah.

B'town v. Prague

CONSISTENT

No doubt elated over their win last week, Bankstown will go all out to snatch more points while the going is good.

However, the opposition this week will be vastly different and Bankstown are likely to find this out at their own expense.

Not that Prague are playing really well or nearly as well as they can.

Their defence had strange lapses last week and even Lord and Blitz, two of their mainstays, were erratic.

Still, Prague's consistent team-work and healthy wing play usually gets the goals and there is no reason to believe that this match will be an exception.

Our tip: Prague.

Yugal v. Pan Hellenic

REARGUARD

Yugal's new forward signing, Des Palmer may be just what the doctor ordered.

Though so far he has not shown his former international form, he will get goals and that's just what Yugal were most worried about.

With a solid defence at their rear, the Yugal forwards now may have a chance to swing matches their way.

JIMMY PEARSON
(Pan Hellenic)

Pan Hellenic don't seem able to find their team and also appear to have lost their once famous heart.

If that is the case, the numerous Hellenic camp may be in for another disappointing weekend.

Our tip: Yugal.

Croatia v. APIA

OVERDRIVE

Just when everybody was prepared to write off Croatia's good early season form as a fluke, they came back with a resounding win.

This team has fairly good potential but is not consistent enough yet to go places.

APIA last week gave warning to one and all that they intend to stay with Prague all the way in the competition.

Despite their poor wingers, they present a formidable combination that also has plenty of overdrive and stamina.

This should ensure them of reasonable midfield domination and also of a few goals.

Our tip: APIA.

Budapest v. S. Coast

NEVER AGAIN

Teams that proved last weekend's biggest disappointment will meet here, trying to make amends.

Both must feel that they could not possibly play so badly once again as they did last Sunday.

At least one of them may be proved right.

The Budapest forward line needs much greater zest than they seem to have to pierce Kelly's defence.

At their best, these teams could provide a very thrilling match—and, to everyone's surprise, this is just how things may turn out.

Oud tip: Draw.

Corinthians v. C'land

NEW HEART

For a newly promoted side, Corinthians last week achieved a tremendous success by returning from Woonona with a point.

Their tenacious, hard-fighting style has given them a good start—and also new confidence.

Cumberland were rather colorless last week and failed in front of the goal.

Although basically the same team as the Gladesville of last season, they looked much less forceful and determined.

The result could be very close to a draw but Cumberland's greater experience may seem them through.

Our tip: Cumberland.

THIS WEEKEND

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

FEDERATION CUP

Yugal v. Bankstown — Marks Field, 7.30 p.m.
APIA v. Polonia-NS — Marks Field, 9.00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

FIRST DIVISION

(Three Grades: 11.45 a.m., 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
Hakoah v. Canterbury — Wentworth Park
Bankstown v. Prague — Arlington Oval

SECOND DIVISION

(Two Grades: 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
Granville-AEK v. Polonia-NS — Macarthur Park
Concordia v. Marconi — Lambert Park

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

FIRST DIVISION

(Three Grades: 11.45 a.m., 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
Yugal v. Pan Hellenic — Marks Field
Croatia v. APIA — Arlington Oval
Corinthians v. Cumberland Utd. — Macarthur Park
Budapest v. South Coast United — Wentworth Park

SECOND DIVISION

(Two Grades: 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
Blacktown-BSK v. Melita Eagles — Francis Park
Wollongong Olympic v. Sutherland — Balgownie Oval
Manly v. Western United — Polocrosse Ground
Sydney Austral v. Thistle — Seymour Shaw Park

NEXT WEEKEND

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

FEDERATION CUP

Budapest v. Blacktown-BSK — Marks Field, 7.30 p.m.
Croatia v. Corinthians — Marks Field, 9.00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

FIRST DIVISION

(Three Grades: 11.45 a.m., 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
APIA — Canterbury — Lambert Park

SECOND DIVISION

(Two Grades: 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
Western United v. Concordia — Girraween Park
Thistle v. Marconi — Bankstown Oval

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

FIRST DIVISION

(Three Grades: 11.45 a.m., 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
Pan Hellenic v. Corinthians — Wentworth Park
Croatia v. Yugal — Arlington Oval
Cumberland Utd. v. Budapest — Mona Park
Prague v. Hakoah — Marks Field
South Coast United v. Bankstown — Woonona Oval

SECOND DIVISION

(Two Grades: 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)
Melita Eagles v. Wollongong Olympic — Lambert Park
Blacktown-BSK v. Sydney Austral — Francis Park
Sutherland v. Granville-AEK — Seymour Shaw Park
Polonia-NS v. Manly — Drummoyne Oval

SYDNEY TEAMS

BANKSTOWN v. PRAGUE

W. RORKE	1	R. LORD
S. DEVLIN	2	F. FALZON
T. WEST	3	J. BOND
R. COWLING	4	G. JONES
R. MADDEN	5	J. PETTIGREW
C. PERKINS	6	S. SHERWIN
N. STIFFLE	7	R. BLITZ
R. HEWITT	8	B. TRISTRAM
W. HUME	9	N. BADARACCO
J. TURNER	10	L. SCHEINFLUG
R. MARKLEW	11	L. GAUTO

Referee: S. PUNDYK
Linesmen: J. Scifleet, J. Hinkelman

HAKOAH v. CANTERBURY

G. McGUIRE	1	R. CORRY
R. KEARNS	2	B. LINCOLN
B. McGUIRE	3	P. MUNSTER
C. THOMSON	4	E. McLEOD
M. WOODS	5	T. NORTH
R. McKNIGHT	6	D. BROWN
R. FEKETE	7	F. CUSH
A. SAGHI	8	B. WILCOX
L. BAUMGARTNER	9	G. GALBRAITH
H. NINAUS	10	D. ZIVKOVIC
M. BELL	11	D. YAAGER

Referee: K. LOCKREY
Linesmen: D. Buchan, D. Henderson

YUGAL v. PAN HELLENIC

K. SPIEGEL	1	J. BOUT
H RINGHOFF	2	D. WRIGHT
J. MUCILLO	3	C. OMEROS
L. LAZAREVIC	4	S. DACCOVANOS
M. STOJANOVIC	5	C. KARYANNIS
F. DUNAJ	6	W. McINTYRE
J. ALAGICH	7	D. LOGAN
E. SCHWARZ	8	B. SMITH
A. NINCEVIC	9	J. FERNIE
D. PALMER	10	J. PEARSON
J. MEDINA	11	C. AMBOS

Referee: F. PARSONS
Linesmen: W. Irons, A. Sorbie

CORINTHIANS v. CUMBERLAND

J. BATHURST	1	B. STEVENS
D. LAPWOOD	2	W. ADDISON
J. HERNING	3	P. KEEN
B. WILLIAMS	4	G. ARNOTT
R. ROBINSON	5	R. FOLWELL
P. DEWHURST	6	G. McPHAIL
D. TODD	7	S. TURNER
L. BENNETT	8	R. HALL
S. HART	9	N. TRAN
P. IRVING	10	J. RICHARDSON
V. IRELAND	11	V. REYNOLDS

Referee: F. WOOLMAN
Linesmen: J. Scarborough, L. Rae

CROATIA v. APIA

I. DJUKIC	1	A. IGLESIAS
J. PUIG	2	R. MURUA
J. GERGELY	3	N. COSSETTINI
R. POMAHAC	4	P. HUGHES
A. HETHERINGTON	5	J. MARSTON
N. BISCHOFF	6	R. McKELLAR
M. RINOS	7	W. SINCLAIR
E. MASSEY	8	K. JAROS
R. HOARE	9	J. WATKISS
R. FRAZER	10	J. WONG
L. SCHAUMAN	11	R. CHAPMAN

Referee: F. SBISA
Linesmen: N. Anderson, L. Smit

BUDAPEST v. SOUTH COAST UTD.

N. SOKOLOFF	1	M. TRISIC
H. STEGBAUER	2	A. RINGLAND
P. BANICEVIC	3	M. CONLON
H. RODRIGUEZ	4	J. KELLY
J. POMPOR	5	J. HARRIS
M. SCHAEFER	6	M. TOLSON
M. KRGIN	7	B. SALISBURY
J. WARREN	8	J. BROWNLIE
A. STOKES	9	J. DOHERTY
J. GALAMBOS	10	G. BARNETT
V. FERNANDEZ	11	M. JOHNSTON

Referee: A. BOSKOVIC
Linesmen: S. Cousins, L. Kalman

Around Sydney clubs

Pan Hellenic will inaugurate their new strip against Yugal on Sunday. Pan Hellenic players will wear white shirts with a royal-blue sash, royal-blue shorts and white sox, also with royal-blue edgings. The outfit was designed by committeeman Harry Antonakos.

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Croatia officials are scanning the skies at every plane that flies above Sydney hoping that their new Argentinian centre-half, 24-year-old Jorge Ledezma, will be on board. Massey claims that Ledezma is an outstanding stopper. He should be here any day.

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Hakoah were very impressed with the debut of their young Scottish recruit Alan Marnock, 19, last Sunday. Marnock scored Hakoah's two second grade goals against APIA at Arlington Oval. Marnock hails from Scottish junior club Lochgelly Albert and was offered contracts with Glasgow Rangers, Morton and Kilmarnock. He however decided to migrate to Australia with his parents.

Tipsters' corner

A win for the home team is indicated by 1, a draw by x and a win for the visiting team by 2.

THIS WEEKEND'S FIRST DIVISION MATCHES	PAUL DEAN	LOU GAUTIER	EINAR PERSEN	MARCEL NAGY	S.W. GUEST*	MOST FAVORED
Hakoah v. Canterbury	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bankstown v. Prague	2	2	x	2	2	2
Yugal v. Pan Hellenic	1	x	1	1	1	1
Croatia v. APIA	2	2	x	2	2	2
Corinthians v. Cumberland	2	x	1	2	2	2
Budapest v. SCU	x	1	2	1	1	1

* *Ron Lord, Prague goalkeeper.*

Hellas, Polonia held in shock Ampol Cup games

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

The preliminary round ended with only one team unbeaten — Croatia, which won only one game and figured in three draws.

Altogether six of the 20 minor round games were drawn indicating an even series.

Ampol have made two cups available for the series.

One will go to the ultimate winner of the final, and the second to the team scoring the most goals in the minor round.

Hellas and Budapest tied with 10 goals each for this award and the side scoring the most in the semifinals will win the cup.

Should Hellas and Budapest score the same number, the trophy will be held by each club for six months.

Johnny Baines (Austria) and Richard Hamence (Polonia) headed he Ampol minor round goalscoring list with five goals each.

Top scorers were:

Baines (Austria)	5
Hamence (Polonia)	5
Herczeg (Budapest)	4
Takacs (Budapest)	4
Eichmann (Austria)	3
Edwards (Hellas)	3
Lyster (Hellas)	3
Donnelly (Juventus)	3
J. Slager (Croatia)	3
Rusalen (Juventus)	2
McKenzie (Victoria)	2
W. Slager (Croatia)	2
Stockley (Cumberland)	2

Stage set

With 20 minor round matches completed, the stage is now set for the big one — the Ampol Cup final for 1964.

This issue of SOCCER WORLD went to press before the semifinals were played.

Prvided neither semifinal was drawn, the final will be decided on Wednesday night at Thebarton Oval.

Under the competition rules no extra time is allowed to be played in a semifinal so that any drawn game has to be replayed the following week.

Last Wednesday night's semifinals were Croatia v. Hellas and Juventus v. Budapest.

The original curtain-raiser to the Ampol final (Combined Port Pirie v. Combined Lower Murray) has been cancelled and the opening game will now be: State Squad v. Combined Elizabeth team.

The Elizabeth side will be drawn from Salisbury North, Elizabeth Town, Edinburgh and VRE clubs.

Austria with Johnny ("Bustling") Baines at his net-busting best shocked previously unbeaten Hellas in the final Ampol series minor round game at Thebarton.

Austria v. Hellas 4-3

With only one premiership point to their credit before this game, Austria were rank outsiders against Hellas.

Austria owed their success to Baines' hat trick and to the close marking tactics of wing-halves Kelemen and Kaufmann who nullified the efforts of star Hellas forwards Salabasides and Worthington.

Hellas were assured of a semifinal berth before this match so that victory was not imperative but the loss will have dented their morale.

Hellas tried yet another new right winger — Blaskovich from Victorian club Triestina.

He showed a clean pair of heels on the few occasions he received the ball on his flank but was less impressive than Halkias who substituted for the injured Lyster after half-time.

Hellas goalkeeper Wallis had little hope of stopping any of the Austrian pile-drivers but had an uncertain game generally.

Goalkeeping honors for the match went to Schirnig of Austria.

The portly 'keeper positioned himself well and brought off several crowd pleasing saves.

How they lined up —

Austria: Schirnig; Lipapis, Collins; Kaufmann, Brown, Kelemen; Wieser, Sever, Eichmann, Reichl, Baines.

Hellas: Wallis, Stathi, Coombs; Marusic, Papadopolous, Zaharagis; Blaskovitch, Worthington, Lyster, Salabasides, Edwards.

Scorers: Baines, 2, 20 & 52 mins., Eichmann 55 min. for Austria — Edwards 50 & 79 mins., Lyster 36 mins. for Hellas.

Referee: H. Thompson.

Birkalla v. Polonia 2-2

Birkalla squashed Polonia's chances of contesting the semifinals by setting the early pace and then withstanding a typical Polonia grandstand finish.

With Rab Jones creating attacking openings, Birkalla displayed more forward dash than in previous games to be two goals up after 19 minutes.

Wing halves McAllister and Massie led the spirited revival which enabled Polonia to draw level with only three minutes remaining to play.

Polonia preferred Carruthers in goal rather than junior Romanowicz which left only three youngsters in the side — Gene Mielnik, Richard Hamence and Marion Kolecki.

The latter was replaced by another junior Urbaniak, after 55 minutes.

How they lined up —

Birkalla: Grierson; McLeod, McLuckie; Sutherland, Hardie, Wittwer; Cox, Mann, Jones, Murray, L. Earle.

Polonia: Carruthers; Pettit, Stephenson; McAllister, Buttas, Massie; Mielnik, Mielnik, Miller, Hamence, West, Kolecki.

Scorers: Jones 11 min., Cox 19 min. for Birkalla — McAllister 34 min., Hamence 77 min. for Polonia.

Referee: K: Candy.

Crowd: 3,500.

C. KITCHING STARS IN GOAL-HAPPY QLD'S CUP START

— From LEN TODD in Brisbane —

The preliminary round matches washed out two weeks ago were played under floodlight during the week and all was ready for the first round proper at the weekend.

Results indicate a great improvement in the competition except in the case of Easts United, who were severely thrashed by Hellenic to the tune of 12-0.

Unfortunately it was not as a result of Hellenic's brilliance, but because of the complete failure of Easts to put up anything like a fight.

Hellenic just could not help scoring their round dozen.

In fact, their tally should have been far greater, but it was one of those games where the one side completely dominated the game throughout.

Kitching's seven

Hellenic however are happy with the form of State centre forward Col. Kitching, who certainly discovered his shooting boots, when he registered seven goals, just one short of his and Grahame McMillan's record of eight in a match.

If Hellenic are to be challenging for still another premiership or win this their fifth successive Ampol Cup, they will need to improve a lot on their present form.

St. Helens, first divisioners, gave Oxley a shock and a 4-1 defeat at Bundamba, and deservedly so.

The victory came through Saints taking full advantage of a series of defence errors and it was obvious from that game that Oxley will miss the services of their goalie Gordon Arrowsmith and centre half Len. Jones, both of whom have been transferred to Polonia.

St. Helens' Merv Page came through with a fine hat-trick of opportunistic goals that left Oxley floundering, and another goal by Johnnie Haswell, to a solitary by Oxley's Johnnie Griffiths found Saints leading 4-1 at the break.

The second half was even and there was no further scoring.

Redbank down

Postal Institute caused the weekend's greatest upset when they defeated Redbank-Dinmore 2-1.

Postal were full value for their win, and we shall hear more of them this year in that new look first division.

Grange-Thistle were too good for Dnipro, and coasted home to a 6-1 victory, creating a good impression in the process.

Merton Rovers were pressed by Hollandia for a time but ultimately the State Leaguers got on top and won comfortably 7-1.

Eric Pattison was in the forefront with a fine hat-trick to start his campaign.

Mitchelton put up a great show at Bundamba against the newly formed Coalstars (Bundamba-Blackstone) and held the home team to a 2-2 draw.

They missed entrance to the next round, however, when corner kicks decided the issue and Coalstars had 6-3 in their favour.

Lats easily

Latrobe were far too good for Polonia and won easing up 8-1.

Polonia were never in the picture, and the Lats forwards had a field day.

Peter Scott got a hat-trick, Sid Tucker also and Ray Richards two made up the eight.

Polonia's only goal came from former Oxley goalkeeper Gordon Arrowsmith, now playing in the attack.

Azzurri gave Annerley a real football lesson, and won with ease 8-0.

Stuart Dedman was outstanding and scored four fine goals, Cliff Sander got a couple and Mirko also scored a brace.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:

Hellenic 12(C. Kitching 7, A. Tsombaras 2, B. Vogler, G. Vincze, A. May) d. **Easts United** 0.

Latrobe 8(P. Scott 3, S. Tucker 3, R. Richards 2) d. **Polonia** 1 (G. Arrowsmith).

Azzurri 8(S. Dedman 4, C. Sander 2, A. Mirko 2) d. **Annerley** 0.

Postal 2(D. Hartley, R. O'Shea) d. **Redbank-Dinmore** 1(Ray Dann).

St. Helens 4(M. Page 3, J. Haswell) d. **Oxley Utd.** 1(J. Griffiths).

Merton Rovers 7(E. Pattison 3, J. Anthony 2, M. Wild, N. Warren) d. **Hollandia** 1(G. Nahuysen).

Coalstars 2 drew with **Mitchelton** 2, but Coalstars won on corner kicks 6-3.

Grange-Thistle 6(P. Flanagan 3, B. Dann, A. Cunnington and O. G.) d. **Dnipro** 1 (W. Bond).

Crisp Comments

Juventus are anxiously awaiting the return from overseas of star forward Johnny Moriarty.

The State attacker is due back in Adelaide at Easter.

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Juventus would like to hear from former Prague player Ivan Kristensen who has "gone into smoke" since the winter season.

Kristensen took a holiday in New Zealand at Christmas time but has not contacted Juventus since.

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Birkalla Rovers are interested in acquiring the services of Hellas player Cyril Robertson.

Fee being asked for the former Blackpool player is £150.

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The State selectors Cliff Connolly, Alex Cmielewski and Adrian Dekkers conferred last week to select the squad to go into training for the Everton game.

Full details of the composition of the squad, coach, trainer and team manager will be given in next week's SOCCER WORLD.

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Dick Moore, Programme Manager of radio station 5AD yesterday announced that the "Soccer News" show heard every Thursday night would this season be increased to a 15 minute session.

The programme to be broadcast at 9.30 p.m. would feature the first division team line-ups as they were made available to the ADVERTISER, together with interviews and the latest news from local, interstate and overseas soccer.

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The Victoria club will conduct a grand ball at the German Club Hall, Flinders Street, on March 28.

Highlight event of the function will be the presentation of a wrist watch to the Victoria player adjudged the best of the Ampol series by an independent panel of judges.

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Croatia left-winger Bob Millar is angling for a clearance to Elizabeth Town.

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Choice of Norwood Oval as the venue for the SA v. Everton game on Wednesday May 13 was the best possible.

When bids to obtain Adelaide Oval failed, thoughts of staging the game at Hindmarsh Stadium on a Saturday afternoon or mid-week under lights were entertained.

Norwood Oval which can seat 5,000 under cover and which has a crowd capacity of about 20,000 got the final nod.

ST. HELENS' LADS WILL TACKLE NEAR-NAMESAKE

One of the most interesting games of the Queensland round to be played this weekend is that between Hellenic and St. Helens.

Unless Hellenic can show improvement, I feel the pace of the younger St. Helens lads may tell the tale and upset the champions.

However, there is always one thing to remember about Hellenic.

When the chips are down, they generally manage to pull out their best and come sailing home even against odds.

This game should be a classic and will be the match of the week for sure, despite St. Helens being a lower division team.

Latrobe meet Coalstars, and present indications point to a good win for Lats who are certainly in great form.

Coalstars' defence will need to be one right out of the box if it is to hold this fine goalscoring machine, now representing the Latrobe forward line.

Merton should defeat Postal, despite the latter's surprise win over Redbank-Dinmore.

Merton's attack is a penetrative one, with great scoring potential and I feel the Postal defence may find its task of attempting to curb them a difficult one.

Azzurri v. Grange-Thistle will be a good game with both teams playing class football, and the game could go either way.

However, after their displays against Annerley, I expect Azzurri to win.

All in all, this could be the best line-up to date and any match in the draw will prove an attractive one.

—L.T.

TODD BACK ON DECK

My grateful thanks to Ron Mitchell for once more helping out during my illness, the fifth spell of hospitalisation in the last 14 months.

Also to the many friends and fans for their kind enquiries and good wishes.

Once more I am about again but still far from fit.

However, I do feel good to be back at my typewriter, and giving SOCCER WORLD my version of Queensland's notions about this great game of ours.

I wish to make it quite clear, that I fully agree with the matter written by Ron Mitchell regarding the Australian Federation AGM, and add to it my disgust at the proceedings that have once more given to Victoria and NSW the necessary instruments for complete control over all other States, a situation that should never have been allowed to develop.

We were promised a democratic organisation with a Federation in which all States would be equal.

If this is a football democracy, I am afraid I do not know what democracy is.

— LEN TODD.

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Duncan Falconer, the Hibernian centre-half, is migrating to Sydney to join second division Western United. Falconer is valued at £8750 on the Scottish market but Hibs have given him a free transfer. Falconer, 22, was contacted by Western United official Bob Hubbard and promised a position as player-manager on a part-time professional basis.

Conducted by EINAR PERSEN

MELITA Eagles goalie Gatt was so agitated at conceding three goals against Sydney Austral last Saturday that he had to be taken to hospital half-way through the second half. Gatt had a fit of hysterics, holding up the game for ten minutes. Fullback Hank took Gatt's place between the sticks but Sydney Austral failed to take advantage of Melita's handicap.

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THE Consul General of Belgium, Armand Coesens, has consented to become the patron of the Prague Juniors for the 1964 season. Under the tireless leadership of secretary Mrs. Step and president E. Small, the junior section of Prague is booming and on the way to emulate the seniors in success.

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FEW players retire so abruptly and finally as did former Budapest goalie Zoltan Kaldy. In 1959 one Sunday he played at Corrimal, had nine goals pelted past him by Learmont and Co., then took his gear off and never played again. In fact, since that rainy day at Corrimal he never even saw a match, though he still lives in Sydney.

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THE surprise transfer of former Welsh international Des Palmer from South Coast to Yugal last weekend was one of the quickest on record. Yugal officials decided to acquire Palmer on Friday night, travelled to Woonona on Saturday and completed the deal early Sunday morning. The player was driven up to Sydney just a few minutes before the kick-off of the match against Cumberland at Lidcombe Oval and justified his transfer by scoring Yugal's equalizer.

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CANTERBURY youngster Bill Hardy had a hectic afternoon last Saturday. Hardy, 19, played in the third grade team against Bankstown, then had to double-up 90 minutes later in the main match owing to the last-minute defection of former Croatia-Melbourne player Bob Dougan. Hardy started off on the right wing but switched to defence in the second half. It was a very weary Hardy that left the field after Canterbury's 0-3 defeat to Bankstown.

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A RECORD number of 4,500 juniors will be playing in the Bankstown District Soccer Association competitions this year.

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GRANVILLE-AEK's second grade right-half Ian Lloyd celebrated his engagement last weekend by scoring three goals against Western United. Granville-AEK won 6-0. This is the first time in the club's long history that a defender scored three goals in any grade.

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LORENZO Heredia, Budapest's Argentinian forward may soon appear in a new jersey. Both Yugal and Canterbury have shown interest in the clever player and since his transfer fee is more than reasonable, the deal is likely to be clinched soon.

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FORMER Prague and Federation secretary Joe Bruna will arrive in a fortnight and not in October as first expected.

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MELITA Eagles will play Wollongong in a deferred Henry Seamonds Federation Cup match at Macarthur Park on Saturday. The match will either be played at 11.45 a.m. or at 1.15 p.m. as the curtain-raiser before the all important competition clash between Granville-AEK and Polonia-NS.

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THE Nova Shield will be staged this Saturday, March 21, at Coleman Park, Georges Hall. The first match starts at 9 p.m. for under-13 players. The draw is Padstow United v. East Hills Workers' Club; East Villawood v. Greenacre; Revesby Rovers v. De La Salle; North Bankstown v. Yagoona; Thistles v. Condell Park; East Bankstown v. Padstow RSL; Bankstown Sports v. Bankstown RSL. Hume have a bye.

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CORINTHIANS officials are confident of staving off relegation this year. They base their optimism on the talented young English players now at their disposal and particularly on the imports still to come. Among the better-known players expected shortly is three-time England Youth international Peter Barnes, a 28-year-old centre-forward who represented against Scotland, Ireland and West-Germany. Barnes was on Tottenham's books for three years and played three years for Bristol Rovers. His current club is Southern League's Glastonbury.

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JIM Turner, Bankstown's new English player, was married straight after the match against Canterbury last Saturday. Turner is a schoolteacher at Redfern Public School where he persuaded the headmaster to start soccer at the traditional rugby-league school. Three teams have been formed and Turner is teaching soccer coaching to five fellow-teachers.

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THE Ron Lord testimonial fund is still growing. The following have donated to the fund in the last few weeks: F. Aufdermauer £5, B. Sarka £5, E. Hermann £5, Dr. Bauer £10, Padstow RSL Junior Soccer Club £2.2.0, Wahroonga Sports Club £2.2.0, Kingswood-Cambridge Park Boys' Soccer Club £1.1.0. The fund is still open. All donations should be sent to Prague secretary George Warner, 212 New South Head Road, Edgecliff.

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PAN Hellenic will hold their first big 1964 dance at Paddington Town Hall on March 29, starting at 8 p.m.

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CONSISTENT rumors are circulating in Sydney about the possible return of Hakoah goalkeeper Heinz Wenzl. The former Austrian first division star made a hurried exit from Australia 10 months ago.

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HERE'S an international clearance which broke all records. Cumberland United have received the "all clear" signal for their young inside-forward Matthew Collins, former teammate of Vic Reynolds. Collins, however, is missing and officials haven't the slightest clue as to his whereabouts.

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BUDAPEST'S new goalkeeper, Mel Clark, 24, has a clearance from Cumberland as well as his New Zealand club — but not from the New Zealand Association. Cumberland requested this international clearance on January 15 but since then our New Zealand friends have not even replied. Last Thursday Budapest authorised Australian secretary Bob Clark to send a reply-paid cable to New Zealand for the clearance but this, too, was left unanswered. That's the way they administer soccer over the Tasman . . .

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HAKOAH'S opening-of-the-season ball will be held at the Bondi Rex Hotel on Saturday, April 18.

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RON HEWITT, the former Welsh international who made such a big hit at Arlington Oval last Saturday, will soon start working for the first time in his life. Bankstown Lions' club are finding him a job. Hewitt has been a full-time professional all of his adult life. Bankstown have secured for Hewitt and his family a fully furnished house at Greenacre.

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PRAGUE'S traditional Easter Ball will be held on Sunday, March 29 at Dunbar House, Watson's Bay.

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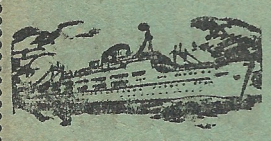

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Almost every second fan tips Prague to win title

A very impressive 47 per cent. of our readers believe Prague will again win the NSW premiership, their second in succession and fifth since 1959.

This is one of the many fascinating revelations of the enormously successful tipping contest conducted by this newspaper.

Surpassing our wildest expectations, a total of 575 coupons were entered for the contest.

Counting and then tabulating these coupons took several days.

Having added up all the "votes" of our readers, this is the order in which they expect the NSW premiership to end:

1. **Prague**
2. **Budapest**
3. **APIA**
4. **S. Coast**
5. **Hakoah**
6. **Croatia**
7. **P. Hellenic**
8. **Yugal**
9. **Cumberland**
10. **Canterbury**
11. **Corinthians**
12. **Bankstown**

The positions of Prague (1), S. Coast (4), Yugal (8) and Cumberland (9) were clear cut in the poll.

For the other places a fairly close battle raged.

Budapest edged out APIA from third place fairly comfortably while Hakoah overtook Croatia only in the last few days of the poll.

Pan Hellenic "firmed" in the poll towards the end and came close to Croatia's tally.

Corinthians finished somewhat ahead of Bankstown at the bottom, though by a slim margin.

The very large majority of tipsters followed a conservative course.

However, some readers got carried away, obviously because of strong pro or contra club feelings.

This was most evident in the cases of Croatia, Yugal and Pan Hellenic.

Whenever somebody tipped Yugal to win the title, he invariably placed Croatia towards the very bottom—or the other way round.

Some Pan Hellenic-oriented readers, no doubt influenced by the current club crisis, must have tipped their team last out of anger or desperation.

No less than eight teams have been tipped to finish first, the four exceptions being Cumberland, whose highest vote is third, Canterbury (4), Corinthians (5) and Bankstown (7).

On the other hand, all but Prague, APIA and Budapest were also tipped to be tail-enders!

Prague's worst placing in the poll is a remarkably high sixth, APIA's ninth and Budapest's eleventh.

The result of our poll on the Victorian State League will be published next week.

A careful check of all coupons resulted in the disqualification of several entries.

These coupons, chiefly for the Victorian State League, carried the names of clubs which this year are in a lower division.

Croatia, Moreland and Richmond figured most frequently on these slips which, unfortunately, cannot be accepted.

One reader wrote the name of Cumberland twice on a coupon—this, too, is disqualified.

Another entry came on a slip of paper, instead of our coupon and this could not be accepted either.

All coupons have been initialled by at least two members of our editorial staff and are now kept in a safe place.

The decision of the judges —our editorial board—will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Entries that arrived after last Sunday afternoon will not be considered.

KIWIS DENIED SYDNEY MATCH

The New Zealand national soccer team stopped over in Sydney last week.

The 18-man New Zealand touring party was on its way to Hong-Kong, the first stop in a 17-match world tour.

Australian Federation vice-chairman Jim Bayuttti welcomed the tourists at Mascot airport and took them to watch the Federation Cup matches at Marks Field.

New Zealand skipper Ken Armstrong, a former Chelsea and England half-back, said he was amazed at the speed and tempo of Wednesday week's matches.

The New Zealand national team's overseas trip was arranged by Willie Treml, the agent who is expected to handle the European tour of an Australian under-23 team next year.

The New Zealanders will play in Hong-Kong, Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, England, West Germany, Holland and Israel.

They will play no full internationals, only a trial match with the English Olympic team and games against second and third division clubs in Europe and the U.K.

The Australian Federation came under fire for not staging a match against the tourists.

Since the New Zealanders had to stop-over in Sydney for a few hours anyhow, a match could have easily been arranged against the new NSW squad for instance.

It is ridiculous that New Zealand should not play a match against their next door neighbours while they are on such an extensive tour.

A NSW v. New Zealand match last Wednesday week would have drawn at least 6,000 spectators.

LOU GAUTIER

Poor standards in Fed. Cup matches

South Coast United and Hakoah last Wednesday week reached the quarterfinals of the Henry Seamonds Federation Cup.

South Coast defeated second division Granville-AEK 4-2 without exerting themselves, leading 4-0 after 52 minutes.

Granville rallied spiritedly in the middle of the second half to score twice but South Coast quickly weathered the storm.

Johnny Haniotis was sent off five minutes before full time for arguing one of referee Timms' decisions.

How they lined up:

SCU: M. Trisic; A. Ringland, M. Conlon; J. Kelly, J. Harris, M. Tolston; B. Salisbury, J. Brownlie, J. Doherty, G. Barnett, M. Johnson.

Granville-AEK: J. Guggemos; R. Shugg, T. Beencke; R. McClelland, A. Lorenzutta, J. Creely; B. Staples, I. Scott, J. Haniotis (sent-off), L. Tsombaras, D. Lindsay.

Scorers: G. Barnett 20 and 32 min, J. Doherty 23 and 59 min for SCU; B. Staples 61 min, J. Creely 66 min for Granville-AEK.

Referee: I. Timms.

In the late match Hakoah were given a fright by reshuffled Canterbury, only winning through the great individual efforts of the "old firm" of Baumgartner and Ninaus.

Ninaus scored two glorious goals and "made" the other for Baumgartner to head in beautifully.

Canterbury, however, shot more at goal and enjoyed a slight territorial advantage.

How they lined up:

Hakoah: G. McGuire; B. Mc Guire, T. Maxwell; R. Kearns, C. Thomson, R. McKnight; M. Bell, A. Saghi, L. Baumgartner, H. Ninaus, R. Fekete.

Canterbury: R. Corry; B. Lincoln, P. Munster; E. McLeod, T. North, D. Brown; G. Galbraith, B. Wilcox, D. Zivkovic, F. Cush, D. Yaager.

Scorers: H. Ninaus 15 and 65 min, L. Baumgartner 39 min for Hakoah; B. Wilcox 20 min for Canterbury.

Referee: F. Sbisa.

Blacktown became the third second division club to qualify for the next round of the Cup by beating Marconi 7-2 last Saturday.

In the next round, next Wednesday night, they will meet Budapest.

— LINCOLN WALTERS

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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Draw tipped in thrilling summit match

There were no big surprises in the first round of Sydney second division matches, none of the fancied teams dropping vital points.

Polonia-NS narrowly won the "match of the week" against Olympic, allowing Granville-AEK—their big rivals for promotion this year—to go to a commanding lead on goal-averages.

Sydney Austral's 3-3 draw with fancied reinforced Melita Eagles was the only mild surprise of the first round.

Marconi heralded their entry in second division with a clear-cut victory over Manly, but Concordia were hard pressed to gain both points at Thistle's expense while Sutherland and Blacktown-BSK deservedly shared the points.

POLONIA-NS 4
WOLLONGONG OLYM. 3

Scorers: Woodward 24 min, Hajduk 34 and 49 min, Gumowski 46 min for Polonia-NS; Tolhurst 11 min, Burns 80 min, Polonis 85 min for Wollongong Olympic.

Polonia-NS: Henderson; Calphy, Cebula; Mikula, Boland, Nowacki; Woodward, Gumowski, Hajduk, Witczak, Rosik.

Wollongong Olympic: Delhaas; Isedale, Egbers; Peters, McClory, Soldi; Burns, Hoogland, Polonis, Periclosis, Tolhurst.

Polonia displayed improved form to deservedly beat a dangerous Wollongong Olympic in a classy match.

Polonia led 4-1 but the visitors came back strongly to reduce the leeway—but too late.

Olympic were handicapped by the injury to inside Hoogland but this did not affect the result, Polonia being too good.

Polonia centre forward Hajduk was the best player afield, Wollongong stopper McClory the worst.

Crowd: 900.

SUTHERLAND 2
BLACKTOWN-BSK 2

Scorers: Hagner 10 min, D. Rattenbury 30 min for Sutherland; Dekany 20 min. Melinz 53 min for Blacktown-BSK.

Sutherland: Robinson; Brunker, Dean; Moore, Gilham, R. Rattenbury; Wallace, Hagner, D. Rattenbury, Osborne, Gosgrave.

Blacktown-BSK: Gollie; Javanic, Cranatti; Zoratto, Zeman, Notic; Melinz, Andrezejewski, Jelisavcic, Dekany, Carr.

A very evenly contested match.

Sutherland had a slight territorial advantage because Blacktown - BSK played a Federation Cup match 24 hours earlier and were jaded.

The home team's draw however, was meritorious as they lost fullback Dean through injury in the second half.

Crowd: 150

THISTLE 2
CONCORDIA 3

Scorers: Grzelak 27 min, M. Cummings 53 min for Thistle; Karmainsky 20 and 75 min, Holzer 35 min for Concordia.

Thistle: Gilholm; Butler, King; Parish, R. Cummings, Kent; R. Murray, M. Cummings, Grzelak, Such, Hebb.

Concordia: Mateusek, Relich, Gomsala; Wilker, Lind, Pokorny, Holbach; Lumpi, Holzer, Karmainsky, Roewekamp, Muller.

Thistles made it hot for Concordia although fielding four reserves.

The last 20 minutes were tremendously exciting with both teams going all-out for the winning goal, which was eventually notched by Concordia's goalscoring machine Karmainsky.

The dying minutes were marred by the expulsion of Thistles inside-right M. Cummings.

Crowd: 200

WESTERN UTD. 0
GRANVILLE-AEK 5

Scorers: L. Tsombaras 5, 51, 70 and 75 min, Staples 19 min for Granville-AEK.

Western United: Barnes; Tebbuti, Melrose; Ruston, Cooper, White, Nellis, Kelly, Anderson, Ball, Cousins.

Granville-AEK: Guggemos; Shugg, Beencke; McClelland, Lorenzutta, Creely; Staples, Dimitrio, Scott, Tsombaras, Lindsay.

Despite a spirited Western United first half display, Granville-AEK were just too good in all departments.

Lucky Tsombaras was unstoppable and scored four goals.

Best afield apart from Tsombaras were halves McClelland and Creely and winger Staples.

Crowd: 300

MARCONI 2
MANLY 0

Scorers: J. McCann 16 min, Ganis 26 min for Marconi.

Marconi: Cischato; Losurdo, Scotti; Van Knawegan, Okon, Lamacchia; Squadrito, Ganis, J. McCann, Kelly, R. McCann.

Manly: Oram; Greenstreet, Arbuckle; Breen, Abbebroek, McMichael; Freeman, Holroyd, Jones, Hopley, Harris.

Marconi clinched the match in the first half when they scored twice within 10 minutes from well taken corner kicks.

The reshuffled Manly team lacked cohesion and would have lost by another three goals had fullback Arbuckle not saved three "certainties" on the goalline.

Crowd: 300.

MELITA EAGLES 3
SYDNEY AUSTRAL 3

Sydney Austral surprised by holding the powerful, reinforced Melita team.

Melita had more of play but Austral's forceful play nearly brought off a shock victory in the second half when the home team played without goalie Gatt.

Standard of play was good with Melita Eagles winger Harry Montague, formerly of Prague and George Cross, the best player on the field.

How Melita Eagles lined-up: Gatt; Hank, Hamor; vella-James, Fazackerley, Binnie; Montague, Marks, Azzopardi, Calleja, Chircop.

Scorers for Melita: Celleja 7 min, Montague 15 min, Azzopardi 20 min.

No details were available for Sydney Austral.

THIS WEEKEND

Granville-AEK and Polonia-NS clash on Saturday in what promises to be one of the best matches in any Sydney division this weekend.

This match at the summit has all the makings of a classic with both teams intent on gaining both points and an important two-point lead over a dangerous rival—a draw should result.

Tipped to win the other matches: Sydney Austral, Concordia, Melita Eagles and Wollongong Olympic.

A draw between 1963 bottom-of-the-table Manly and Western United, formerly Toongabbie, is likely.

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FAMED STARS FOR WESTERN UTD.

Second division Western United yesterday signed three top Scottish stars.

Within five weeks Andy Paton of Hearts, Jimmy Wardaugh, the famed Scottish international and Hibernians centre-half Falconer (see story page 7) will arrive in Sydney to join the club.

Jimmy Wardaugh, who toured Australia with Andy Paton with the 1959 Hearts team, has also completed negotiations to bring out another four Scottish players four weeks after his arrival on May 10.

Western United last week acquired eight acres of land from Blacktown council to build a super-sports centre, complete with a 60,000 capacity soccer stadium, swimming pool, gymnasium and social club.

The Western United licensed club will open on September 1 and the soccer ground is expected to be in use by 1966.

The club feels that it has a vast untapped soccer-starved area at its disposal and hopes to gain first division promotion in 1966 at the latest.

Jimmy Wardaugh said in a letter to Western United official Bob Hubbard that by the end of this season Western United would have a team worth nearly £100,000 on the British soccer market.

Amateur body gets new P.R.

Following the resignation of Keith Gilmour, I have been appointed publicity officer of the NSW Amateur SFA.

Would club secretaries please send their information to me, at 18 Daintrey Crescent, Randwick.

To kick off with I am glad to report that the Association's 1964 Year Book will be published shortly.

Publicity officers of all districts are requested to send their copy as soon as possible for inclusion.

The Robertson Cup which will start soon is open to all amateur teams under 21 whether they are members of the Association or not.

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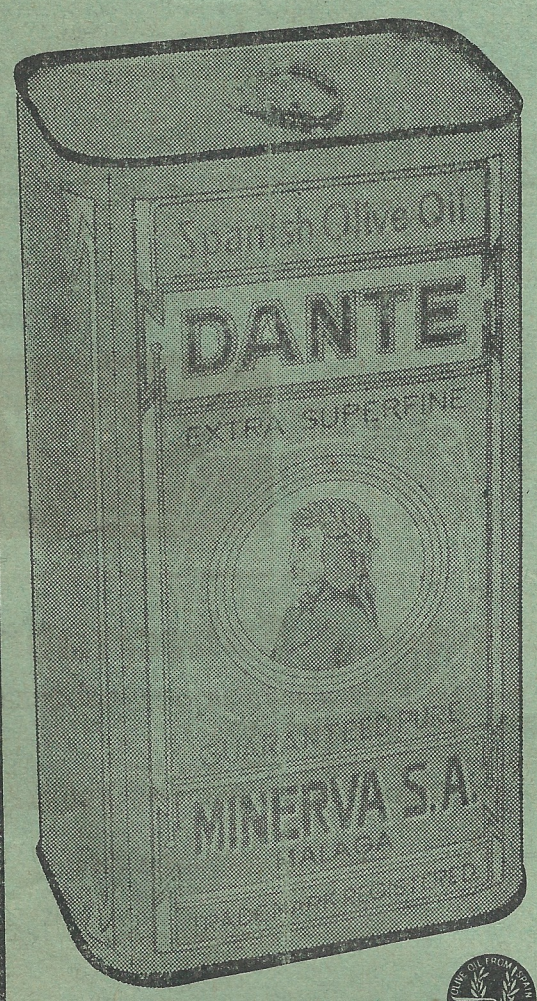

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